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*East Central Community College  
requests the honor of your presence  
for a  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
to be held at the new  
Aaron R. Davis Science Building  
Tuesday, February 14, 2012  
East Central Community College  
Decatur, Mississippi  
Two-Thirty in the afternoon*

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*Reception immediately following*

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*You are invited to attend a  
groundbreaking ceremony  
for the  
Aaron R. Davis Science Building  
Tuesday, September 08, 2009  
at 2:30 p.m.  
on the campus of  
East Central Community College  
Decatur, Mississippi*

*Reception immediately following  
on the East Mall*



Buildings

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# New science building in EC budget

## ■ No increases in tuition, taxes

By Bill Graham

Appeal News Editor

East Central Community College President Dr. Phil Sutphin brought his budget proposal to the Newton County Board of Supervisors last week, and the good news is there will be no increase in taxes or tuition.

The better news: students will have a new science building and broader access to class material via the Internet.

Construction on the science complex, named after science instructor Ron Davis, who passed away last year, will begin next May.

The building will house laboratories; in a couple of years, Sutphin said he hopes to get state bond money to renovate Cross Hall into classrooms for the science building.

"The one we've got

is maxed out," he said. "We can't do much more faculty-wise, because of the lack of space. (The new building) is going to help us tremendously."

"Another impor-

lege has purchased licenses for the software, which will allow its use in every classroom.

"Every class taught at East Central has the potential to have an

to use Blackboard.

The president also reviewed economic data showing the economic impact of EC students returning to Newton County. He estimates that impact to be about \$5,200 per student. "I calculated about 3 million dollars in economic benefits to the county" from students who return here after completing a higher degree.

"With a \$334,000 investment, you get a return of 3 million dollars, based on the studies," he told the board.

Students aren't the only

ones who have something to look forward to—there's also a raise for teachers, with state funding.

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ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin reviews the college's 2007-08 budget with the Board of Supervisors Thursday morning.

tant thing that's happening for us is a program called Blackboard," he said. "It's a course management tool." The college has used Blackboard for several years for online courses, said Sutphin, but now the col-

lege has purchased licenses for the software, which will allow its use in every classroom. "Every class taught at East Central has the potential to have an

online component," he told the board. Students will be able to get course material online, and instructors can use Blackboard to supplement in-class instruction.

Sutphin said teachers are now being trained

## College...

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"Half of it was bringing our teacher's salaries up... we were able to get a 5% increase."

Gas and energy prices have gone up substantially, and that takes up the remainder of the budget, according to Sutphin.

The college's proposal to the board—2.25 mills for maintenance and support,

and 1.5 mills for enlargement, improvement, and repairs—is the same amount requested in last year's budget.

Full-time tuition will remain at \$700 per semester.

Over the past year, the college has seen construction of a new student union and a new bookstore, which, said Sutphin, "have added significantly to our

ability to serve students."

"We're about out of the woods on Katrina," Sutphin also said. The August 2005 hurricane caused an estimated \$600,000 to the Decatur campus.

Damage to the football field bleachers was repaired with \$113,000 in FEMA money.

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# **Aaron R. Davis Science Building Groundbreaking Ceremony**

**Tuesday, September 08, 2009 · 2:30 p.m.**

**~ Program ~**

**Welcome ..... Dr. Phil A. Sutphin**  
*President*

**Invocation ..... Mr. Mickey Vance**  
*Vice President for Business Operations*

**Introduction of Speakers ..... Dr. Sutphin**

**Speakers .....Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction**  
**Curt Skipper, Chairman of the Science Division**  
**Patti Davis, Family Representative & Biology Instructor**

## **Groundbreaking Participants**

**Representative C. Scott Bounds, District 44**  
**Prentice Copeland, Chairman, Board of Trustees**  
**Patti Davis, Family**

**Randall Lewis, JH&H Architects, Planners, & Interiors**  
**Representative Billy Nicholson, District 78**  
**Representative Russ Nowell, District 43**  
**Royce Shaw, Secretary, Board of Trustees**

**Stanley Shows, Representative for Congressman Gregg Harper**  
**Curt Skipper, Chairman of the Science Division**  
**Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction**  
**Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, President**  
**Senator Giles Ward, District 18**

**Jack Winstead, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees**  
**A. Bruce Wood, JH&H Architects, Planners, & Interiors**

**Shovels compliments of Long Building Materials, Decatur**  
**~ Reception immediately following on the East Mall ~**

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# Aaron R. Davis Science Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Tuesday, February 14, 2012  
2:30 p.m.

~ Program ~

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*President*

Invocation ..... **Mr. Mickey Vance**  
*Vice President for Business Operations*

Introduction of Speakers ..... **Dr. Sutphin**

Speakers ..... **Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth**  
*Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

**Mr. Curt Skipper**  
*Chairman of the Science Division*

Family Response ..... **Mrs. Patti Davis**  
*Biology Instructor*

Ribbon Cutting ..... **Dr. Sutphin**

Benediction ..... **Dr. Lavinia Sparkman**  
*Vice President for Instruction*

~ Reception Following Ribbon Cutting Ceremony ~



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